DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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September 25, 1969

TO : NEA/IAI - Mr. Atherton

FROM : L:L/C - Ernest L. Kerley

SUBJECT: USS Liberty ship claim

In Embassy Tel Aviv's 3456, September 8, 1969, it is noted that Assistant Director General Bitan, who is accompanying Mrs. Meir, may wish to discuss the USS Liberty ship claim with the Department during the Meir visit.

The claim is for $7,644,146; it was presented to the Government of Israel on July 3, 1968. The most recent cleared statement by the Department in support of the claim appeared in State 124612, July 26, 1969, which is attached.

L wishes to participate in the discussion of the claim if the subject comes up in a context making this possible.

Attachment:

State 124612, July 26, 1969

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